

**BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT**

Claims 1, 2 and 3 have been canceled.

The remaining claims have been rewritten in independent form as supported by the claims as originally filed.

New Claim 9 is supported by Claims 4 and 2 as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 4-9 will now be active in this application.

Claim 3 stands withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

**REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Zimmer for indicating allowability of Claims 4-8 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Claims have been rewritten in independent form. Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance.

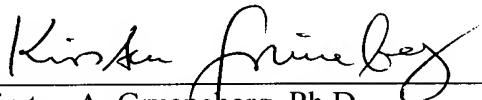
This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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